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SUBJECT: AVIAN FLU: WORLD ANIMAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION (OIE)  
DG COMMENTS ON AGENDA OF JANUARY 19 SIDE MEETING AT BEIJING  
PLEDGE CONFERENCE

REF: A. State 2890, B. Paris 198, C. Paris 217

[1](#)1. As reported ref B, Dr. Bernard Vallat, Director General of the World Organization for Animal health (OIE) has accepted the invitation to the January 19 side meeting at the January 17-18 International Conference on Avian and Human Pandemic Influenza.

[1](#)2. Ref A also requested comments on the agenda of the January 19 meeting. If possible, Dr. Vallat would like an opportunity to speak about the need for good governance, appropriate legislation, and efficiency of veterinary services worldwide in countering avian flu and similar threats (These issues are reviewed in Ref C).

[1](#)3. Point of contact for Dr. Vallat is Dr. Christianne J.M. Bruschke; she can be reached in Beijing by cellphone 33-6-32-46-96-40. Both Drs. Vallat and Bruschke are staying at the Great Wall Sheraton (site of the Conference).  
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